

Topical Heading

Rehabilitation

Program Title

American Printing House for the Blind

Also Known as

APH

CFDA # (or ED #)

84.906

Administering Office

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS)

Who May Apply (specifically)

By law, funds are appropriated for the American Printing House for the Blind (APH) only.

Current Competitions

None. FY 2006 funds support APH only.

Type of Assistance (specifically)

Direct appropriation.

Appropriations

Fiscal Year 2004	\$16,402,650
Fiscal Year 2005	\$16,864,000
Fiscal Year 2006	\$17,572,500

Fiscal Year 2006 Awards Information*Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.*

Number of New Awards Anticipated: 1

Legislative Citation*Act to Promote the Education of the Blind; 20 U.S.C. 101 et seq.***Program Description**

The APH produces and distributes educational materials adapted for students who are legally blind and enrolled in formal education programs below the college level. The materials are distributed to programs serving individuals who are blind through allotments to the states. The allotments are based on an annual census conducted by APH of the number of students who are legally blind in each state and are provided in the form of credits. State education agencies (SEAs) and programs serving persons who are blind may order materials free of charge up to the amount of funds allocated to each state for educational materials. The APH also conducts research related to developing and improving products and provides advisory services to professional and consumer organizations on the availability and use of materials produced by APH.

Types of Projects

Materials produced by APH include textbooks in Braille and large type, education tools such as Braille typewriters and computer software and hardware, teaching aides such as tests and performance measures, and other special supplies. The APH conducts basic and applied research necessary to develop and improve instructional materials in areas such as Braille reading, science, mathematics, and social studies and to adapt testing materials related to these subject areas. Special materials also are developed to teach blind students with additional disabilities in such areas as early childhood education, prevocational training, the use of computer applications, and the functional use of residual vision. Advisory services activities include operation of APH's Student Registration System, Louis Database of Accessible Materials, Electronic File Repository, Expert Database, and National Instructional Partnerships, and provision of a variety of communication vehicles, such as catalogs, brochures, and videos.

Education Level (by category)

Pre-K, K-12, Vocational

Subject Index

Blindness, Disabilities, Elementary Secondary Education, Research, Vocational Rehabilitation

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